

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the impact of the State of California's adoption of the amended California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines implementing Senate Bill (SB) 743.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Bonin – Fuentes for Huizar – O'Farrell):

APPROVE the Department of City Planning and Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) SB 743 Comment Letter dated November 6, 2014 (attached to the Council file).

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the LADOT or Department of City Planning. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

Against: Studio City Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

On August 22, 2014, Council considered Motion (Bonin – Fuentes for Huizar – O'Farrell) relative to the amended CEQA Guidelines resulting from the adoption of SB 743. Motion movers state that review of traffic impacts currently focuses on vehicular capacity at intersections and on roadway segments. SB 743 moves CEQA review away from the auto-centric metric of level of service for determining environmental impact. Instead, impacts to transportation network performance are to be viewed through a filter that focuses on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the development of multimodal transportation networks, and the promotion of a diversity of land uses. Motion recommends that Council instruct LADOT and the Planning Department to report relative to how SB 743 will impact City CEQA guidelines, and to address other related matters. Council referred Motion to the Transportation and Planning and Land Use Management Committees for consideration.

At its meeting held December 10, 2014, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with representatives of LADOT and the Planning Department. City staff has requested additional time from the State to review SB 743. The State has been advised to allow cities to set their own standard and thresholds for determining impact. Also, City of Los Angeles staff and staff from other cities have discussed the potential transportation and environment effects of the Bill. The Committee recommended that Council approve the Comment Letter prepared by LADOT and the Planning Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BONIN:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
LABONGE:	ABSENT
PARKS:	ABSENT
KREKORIAN:	YES

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